



Patent

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For: **ARRAY-TYPE DISK APPARATUS PREVENTING  
LOST DATA AND PROVIDING IMPROVED FAILURE TOLERANCE** Examiner: **M.A. Bradley**  
(As Amended)

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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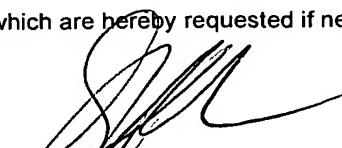
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**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as  
follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks / Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.

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